

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

WILLIAM A. SMITH and JOSE)
LEMUS,)

Plaintiff(s),)

v.)

PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC)
COMPANY,)

Defendant(s).)

No. C07-2126 JSW (BZ)

INITIAL DISCOVERY ORDER

All discovery in this matter has been referred to United States Magistrate Judge Bernard Zimmerman.

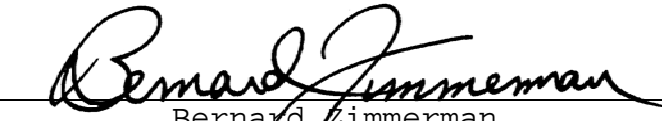
In the event a discovery dispute arises, the parties shall meet in person or, if counsel are outside the Bay Area, by telephone and make a good faith effort to resolve their dispute. Exchanging letters or telephone messages about the dispute is insufficient. The Court will not read subsequent positioning letters; parties shall instead make a contemporaneous record of their meeting using a tape recorder or a court reporter.

In the event they cannot resolve their dispute, the parties must participate in a telephone conference with the

1 Court **before** filing any discovery motions or other papers.
2 The party seeking discovery shall request a conference in a
3 letter **filed electronically** not exceeding two pages (with no
4 attachments) which briefly explains the nature of the action
5 and the issues in dispute. Other parties shall reply in
6 similar fashion within two days of receiving the letter
7 requesting the conference. The Court will contact the parties
8 to schedule the conference.

9 After the conference with the Court, if filing papers is
10 deemed necessary, they should be filed **electronically** with the
11 Clerk's Office, with **one hard copy delivered directly to**
12 **Magistrate Judge Zimmerman's Chambers (Room 15-6688).**

13 Dated: April 22, 2008

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